

## HELPFUL HINTS ON HOW TO CONSERVE ELECTRIC DURING THE SPRING AND SUMMER

- Curtains, blinds and shades should be closed to block the hot sun from entering the home.
- Ceiling fans are a great way to keep the indoor air circulating. Be sure to turn the switch on the fan to the upright position.



- Set your thermostat to a higher temperature during the day and lower it at night.
- If your home does not have central air conditioning or window units, place a box fan in the window with the air pulling out of

- your home and have the other window open to draw in the cool air.
- Change your air filter every three months to make your air conditioner work efficiently.
- Attic fans should be turned on in older homes to remove and circulate the heat going up to the attic.

## WHEN USING APPLIANCES



- Avoid using the oven to heat meals. Using the microwave will be more energy efficient and will take less time.
- When using the dishwasher, refrain from using the heated dry switch. Air dry them.
- Keep frozen bottles of water in the freezer. It will keep your freezer from overworking to keep the foods frozen and you will be able to turn down the thermostat as well.

 Turning the thermostat down on your refrigerator will also help to reduce costs.



- Wash your clothes in cold water and add an extra spin cycle so your clothes will dry quickly. You can conserve more energy by hanging out clothes to dry, purchasing a drying rack or utilizing hangers to place your clothes on over doorways and shower curtain rods.
- Unplug appliances that are not in use.
- You can also turn the thermostat down on your water heater.

